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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Presentation of Project AEBIGWIG to AECASSOWARY-2

PARTICIPANTS : [] and

on 23 Oct 57

1. The meeting was arranged primarily to coordinate plans regarding Project AEBIGWIG before it was further discussed with AECASSOWARY-2. [] gave a brief summary of the staff reaction to the AEBIGWIG Memorandum submitted by SR/7/DOB. He stated that both [] and [] felt that it would be more advisable to consider using a REDSKIN mission to accomplish the objectives of Project AEBIGWIG, since the possibility of obtaining approval for a REDSOX mission into the Ukrainian SSR was quite negative.

2. It was agreed that AECASSOWARY-2 should be approached with the idea of attempting to make initial contact with the underground elements which might remain in the Ukrainian SSR through a REDSKIN-type operation, rather than a REDSOX type, as was previously outlined to him by [] and [] on 22 September 1957. This would not mean that the REDSOX operation would be completely shelved but merely postponed until further notice. It was also agreed that AECASSOWARY-2 should be instructed to provide us with the names of suitable REDSKIN candidates who could be given training and briefing on the people to contact.

3. [] briefly outlined the AECUPBOARD program and stated that it was organized primarily to support clandestine operations by establishing and maintaining a communication and supply channel using overt mails to the Ukrainian SSR. He also stated that this program had been utilized in an attempt to locate one of our former agents, AECARTHAGE-12, but that the attempt was unsuccessful.

4. [] inquired whether it would be possible for the REDSKIN agent to contact someone in the cities of Lviv or Uzhgorod (the only areas open to legal tourist travel). [] stated that possibly some contact might be established in Lviv or its environs but not in Uzhgorod. The suggestion of having the REDSKIN agent make a cache in one of the cities was ruled out on the grounds of the security hazard involved.

5. [] outlined his conception of Project AEBIGWIG as a

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two-part simultaneous REDSKIN operation in Poland and REDSOX operation in the Ukrainian SSR. The REDSKIN agent in Poland would provide logistical support and documentation for the REDSOX party in order to aid them in their mission. He also stated that AECASSOWARY-2 had informed him that he had two Ukrainians from Australia who were available as potential REDSOX agents.

6. The meeting was adjourned with the understanding that contact would be made with AECASSOWARY-2, AECASSOWARY-3, AECASSOWARY-4, and AECASSOWARY-15 at 1300 hours on 23 October 1957 to discuss the above-mentioned matters.

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